Usage of such non-chemicals mostly result in decrease in the use of conventional agrochemicals. Figures of production of such non-chemicals and the areas cover-ed by them are not monitored in this Mi-nistry.

TRIPS' to hit Indian Drug Industry

3017. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "TRIPS will hit Indian drag industry", as reported in the Statesman dated 21st December, 1993:

(b) if so, whether the Indian Drag Manufacturer's Association has excurssed its serious concern on Government's acc-eptance of the Dunkel proposals;

(c) whether the permission to allow TRIPS to be a part of negotiations is also a blunder committed by Government; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) and (d) No Sir. All participants in the Uruguay Round including India agre. ; ed to the inclusion of TRIPS in the agenda in 1986. The Uruguay Round ! results, have to be evaluated as a whole.

Disparity in Drag Prices

3018. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI AN ANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Rhone Poulanc is selling 4 tablets of Pterfloxacin for Rs. 51.20 whereas Wockhardt is selling the same tablets at Rs. 28/-;

(b) what are the reasons for which coo-sumers are being subjected to suffer losses in this manner and monitoring quad is totally ineffective;

(c) whether it is also a fact that once India becomes a party to Dunkel the prices are likely to become higher by 5 to 10 times, as is the case in Pakistan;

(d) why there is vide disparity in the prices of Trimethoprim and Sulpbame-thoxazole fomulations inspite of the ceiling price and why overcharging is being tolerated: and

(e) what is the price situation in respect of Nolapse, Oriprime, Sepmax, Septran, Servoniim: Stanboxsugarprim, Synastat, etc. and how high prices are being charg ed with or without approval of Govern ment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRG): (a) and (b) Pefloxacinformulation are outside price control. As per information submitted by the companies, presently the prices of M/s. Rhone Poulenc and M/s. Wockhardt for four Pefloxacin 40Omg tablets are Rs. 22l and Rs. 28/- respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) To the extent informaiton is available, the prices fixed by Govern ment are being followed by the manufac turers in respect of these formulations.

Report of International Medical Com-mission on Bhopal

3019. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Medical Com mission on Bhopal visited Bhopal during the 10 and 22nd January, 1994;

(b) if so, whether in a report, it has regretted that Bhopal*s hospital-oriented delivery of health-care was inappropriate for the chronic nature of problems;

(c) whether the Commission has point-ed out that the victims witapermanent diseases required identification, care and rehabilitation;

(d) if so, what are the other points made in the report;

(e) whether IMCB has recommended a number of measures to be taken up for those who were victims of the Bhopal Gag tragedy; and

(f) whether the finding of IMCB revea-ted that several survivors of the tragedy have suffered long-term damage to their brains, apart from undergoing neurotoxic! changes and many have lost memory and nerve coordination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALBERO): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) to (f) Government have not receiv-ed any report from the commission.

Checking the rise in bulk drug prices

3020. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Chemical has decided to halt price escalations based on input prices of a bulk drug beyond the statutory three years 1ock-in period;

(b) if so, what are the norms set out to check rise in bulk drug price*;

(c) whether in a meeting between BICP and Department of Chemicals and patro-chemicals, a decision was taken to initiate the review exercise, six months before the expiry of three years lock-in period, for which a revision is valid;

(d) whether procedural delays on the part of the BICP and prices to formulate fresh norms will also be cut drovn; and

(e) if so, to what extent a time table set for price review has helped in checking the rise of bulk drug prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) BICP has been asked to complete all the pending cost-cum-technical: studies of indigenously produced scheduled bulk drugs under DPCO, 1987.

Joint ventures with Gulf countries for setting up Fertilizer Plant

3021. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
DR. SANJAYA SINH:
SHRI SUBRAMANTAN SWAMY:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHA-NKER DAVE:
SHRIMATI RENUKA 'CHOW-DHURY:
SHRI MOHD KHALEELUR RAHMAN:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1273 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1994 and state:

(a) what are the details about the Indian corporations venturing for joint collaboration, size of the plants and their projected production estimates;

(b) what are the reasons for joint ventures in Gulf countries;

(c) whether these corporations would be raising capital resources in Gulf countries and at what interest rate'-; and

(d) whether these joint ventures will overcome the shortage of fertilizers in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) *to* (c) Limited svailabi-lity of suitable raw materials in India for the manufacture of fertilizers is the main reason for Indian companies looking for opportunities for joint ventures abroad where raw material availability is easy.